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Soviets Hand Mott 18-Month Sentence

MURMANSK, USSR, Nov. 24 (UPI) — Textbook salesman Newcomb Mott of Sheffield, Mass., today was sentenced to 18 months in a Soviet labor camp for illegally and "wilfully" entering Russia last Sept. 4. He wept at the verdict.

Mr. Mott, 27, was pale and drawn when Judge G. I. Klemetyev pronounced sentence. Mr. Mott's Russian attorney said an immediate appeal was being filed.

Judge Klemetyev said the almost three months Mr. Mott has already served in jail would count toward completion of the sentence.

U.S. Embassy official William Shinn, sent here as an observer, said Mr. Mott would be eligible for parole in nine months. Mr.

Mott also was fined \$125 court costs.

Mr. Mott admitted crossing into Russia from Norway but said he did so without criminal intent.

Mr. Mott was allowed a tearful reunion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mott, who flew to Russia for the trial, before being led from the courtroom.

In a final statement, the six-foot, five-inch salesman had said he was "careless" in crossing the border.